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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 3, 31, 32 & 45.

Part B for November, 1918

SUBJECT.

Reports of disturbances of Peace due to Scarcity & high Prices

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The Deputy Commissioner, Bijnor Dt.
G. 8662 dated 12.11.18.

States that no efforts shewes be Spares to disabuse the Public of the impression & it must be made clear that all disorder will be promptly put down & offenders punished.

W D 88—GPB—50,000—24-7-16

To The D. C. of Police
& The Deputy Commrs of the Dts.
No. G. 8663-70 dated 12.11.18
Yrs the Copies of the above

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 107

FILE HEADING.

Reports of disturbances of peace due to scarcity & high-prices.

From The Dy Comr Bangalore Dt

No. M.C 1237 Dated 20.9.18 Received 21.9.18

Diary No. 5250	Enclos. one Spare Copies.	Serial No. 3

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards copy of letter of 18.9.18 from the Amildar of Hoskote re the disturbance at Hudigana Shandi in the Hoskote Tk & states that the Police Supdt has been requested to enquire into the matter & make necessary Police arrangements for sale shandis

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) Submd
Mg
23/9/18

2) To perusal
Hon member
Dewan

3) Secy
Recd
24.9.18

4) Seen by Dewan
25/9/18

NOTES—First Sheet.

WD 1232—GPB—20,000—18-11-16

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MEMO OF INTERVIEW WITH THE...

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...ne of Interviewer—

Some merchants who attended Hindiganal shandy on 16-9-1918.

Representation in brief

State that at about 3 O'clock that day a large number of people assembled and looted our shops and pray that necessary steps may be taken to avoid such occurrences in future.

Action to be taken—

Forwarded to the Deputy Commr. Bangalore District, with the enclosed D.O. letter.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | P. P File No. 107 of 1918-19

Serial No.	
31	To the Dy Com^r Bangalore D^o no 65 of 25. 9. 18 forwards for enquiry & needful action a petn from some residents of Devanhalli TK about the looting in the Shandy at Hudiganal & other places
32	From the Dy Com^r Bangalore D. O. of 10. 10. 18 with reference to the above - forwards a copy of the investigation report of the Supdt of Police in the matter & states that the people of Vadigenahalli have been exaggerating matters unnecessarily Submitted for perusal Sd/- 12/10/18 Hon Member 09. 10. 18.

6) Vide Hon'ble Member's Remarks on the D.S.P.'s report. It is strange that the D.C. has made no remarks about it. Evidently there is a scare due to

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Mischievous intention and it is very necessary that all Govt officers should go about it in a tactful manner and restore confidence in the minds of the general public. I presume that the H.E.H. is aware of the circumstance

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7) Draft submd HE 28/10/18

8) Clean draft Revd 28/10.

9) Clean draft submd HE 30/10/18

10) Chief Secy 1/11

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11) May issue 9-11-18 HE

12) Issue 9 copys.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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Dated Bangalore, 20th September'18.

From

T.Chokkanna, Esq., B.A.,
Offg:Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No.4 dated the 18th September 1918 from the Amildar of Hoskote in re - the disturbance at Hindiganal Shandi in the Hoskote Taluk.

2. The Police Superintendent has been requested to enquire into the matter and to make necessary Police arrangements for all Shandies in the District

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Offg:Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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From

The Deputy Commissio
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Rec'd 8-5PM 21/9/18

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The Chief Secretary t
the Govt of Mysore
Bangalore.

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in the Hoskote Tk, stat
that the Police Supt has
been requested to enquir
into the matter.

GPE—5,76,000—6-4-12

D.O. letter No.4 dated 18th September 1918, from the Amildar of Hoskote Taluk, to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

I beg to submit for your kind information that yesterday evening the Police Inspector reported that there was an attempt of looting on Monday the 16th instant at Hindigonal Sante and with the aid of Daffedar and Police Constables everything was set right. He has also reported that at the next Shandy day there may be a recurrence of the same, for which he wants some Police Constables for his help and his report has been submitted to D.S.P.

There is a romour that at the next Shandy on Friday next at Hoskote there will be looting of both food-grains and toddy and arrack shops. I have issued necessary instructions to the Police Inspector to be on the alert and to withdraw some constables from sub-stations. Yesterday evening I convened a meeting of important merchants and induced them to sell ragi and rice at a reasonable rate viz., 13 and 6 seers respectively, per rupee. At their request I have requested the Amildar of Chintamani Taluk to get us goodquantity of rice at reasonable price on the Shandy there i.e., on Sundays.

I have made Police arrangement to safe guard the toddy, ganja and arrack shops there.

C O P Y '

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

D.V.R.

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D.O. 65

Bangalore,

25th Septr. 1918.

My dear Mr. Chokkanna,

I send herewith a petition from some residents of Devanhalli Taluk about the looting in Hindignal and other Shandies recently. From their accounts the looting appears to have been much more serious than it has been made to appear. I am desired to request that you will kindly enquire into the matter fully and take such action as may be necessary to restore public confidence and to preserve the peace.

Kindly also keep Government informed of the state of affairs and of action taken.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. C.S.Balasundram Iyer.

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Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.
Dated Bangalore 9th October 1918.

M E M O.

With reference to the petition dated 19-9-1918 from some of the residents of Vodigenhally, Devanhally Taluk to the DEWAN of Mysore about the alleged looting in Hindiganal shandy on 16-9-1918, I beg to state that I left Bangalore for Hindiganal on 22-9-1918 to hold an enquiry into the matter. On my way to Hindiganal, I stopped at Hosakote for a few hours and examined cloth merchant Lingoji Rao, petty shop keepers Mariappa and Chennaveerappa who had gone to Hindiganal shandy on 16-9-1918 with their shops. They all stated that at 2 or 2-30 P. M. some disturbance was created in the shandy, that people raised a hue and cry that they in confusion packed up their things, that they returned to Hosakote with their things, that they did not see any shop looted and that none of the shop keepers of Hosakote who had ~~gone~~ gone to Hindiganal shandy on that day said that they had lost any thing. Mariappa and Chennaveerappa added that some body snatched away 5 or 6 new sadies from the shop of a Togatar who was by his side ~~that~~ Lingoji Rao stated that the Amildar held a meeting in the reading Room at Hosakote on 17-9-1918, i. e. the next day of the Hindiganal shandy regarding sale of foodstuffs, and that there

there was no talk about looting in the Hindiganal shandy.

Cloth merchant Lingoji Rao stated that he did not go to the shandy at Hindiganal on 23-9-1918 owing to some domestic inconvenience, and that Mariappa and Chennaveerappa said that they had been to Hindiganal shandy on the 23rd September 1918 with their shops, that there were a number of Police men on duty and that there was no disturbance that day in the shandy.

1. Anniah Gowda
2. Siddalingapp
3. Nanjundappa.
4. Hutchappa
5. Veeriah
6. Nanjappa.

Then I proceeded to Nandigudy and had a talk with the merchants of the place. There examined the marginally named men.

Maji Pâtel Anniah Gowda stated that he had been to the Hindiganal shandy on the 16th September 1918, that the cloth merchants of Nandigudy did not take their shops to the shandy that day as they had received information from Hosakote that some of the shandies in several places were looted and that loot might happen at Hindiganal also, that about 10 of the petty shop keepers had been to the shandy (~~though not with their shops~~), that some disturbance occurred at about 1 p. m., that the Jamadar put it down, that the petty shop keepers who had gone from Nandigudy packed up their things and returned after the disturbance, that Sivappa, Siddalingappa, another Siddalingappa, Hutchappa, Veerayya and others ~~came~~ went to the shandy, that they did not bring any things for the shandy, that a little late

later on a disturbance was again created, that the Police Inspector was on horse-back, that some Mohammedans had attacked Chickaveerappa of Devanhally who had kept a petty shop in the shandy, as he went to help sweetmeet shop keeper Munisamappa whose shop was being looted that none of the persons who had taken shops from Nandigudy to Hindiganal shandy lost anything, that one Chennappa of Beyyanhally informed him that his 5 bags of grain had been taken away and that he returned to Nandigudy in the evening. The other persons examined by me corroborated him and added that when the disturbance was created for the 2nd time, 20 or 30 new sadies were snatched and taken away from the shops of Togatar Anniah, son Munisvenkappa, Kanaji Mane Narasappa and some others, that it was not possible to say who took them away that when he and others complained to the Police Inspector who was present on horse-back, he (Inspector) told them that it was not the time to speak to them as he could not do anything. From Nandigudy I came to Hindiganal in the evening and examined the marginally noted persons.

1. Patel Kenchappa
2. Ramasetty
3. Lakshmiah Setty
4. Banjeevasetty
5. Oosman Saby
6. Munisamy
7. Syed Abdul Kader Multan
8. Patel Mohamad Oosman
9. Mohaddin Sab.
10. Appajappa of C.&.M.Stn.
11. Abdul Khader of Bowringpet.

Pa... ...che Gowda of Hindiganal stated that he did not come to shandy that day as his sister was laid up with plague that he was living in sheds, that he heard some galata in the shandy and that no body complained @@@ @@@@ that to him of any loss in the shandy.

All the other persons stated, that some disturbance was created at 2 or 2-30 p. m. o

2-30 p. m. on 16-9-1918 in the shandy, that a general hue and cry was raised, that some people began to run saying that there was a loot in shandy, that the police Inspector, Jamadar and 3 constables who were present in the shandy put down the disturbance and pacified the people, that in the confusion caused by the disturbance some vegetables etc., were trampled upon and that there was not actual loot whatever.

1. Munisamiah
2. Dyavappa
3. Eragappa
4. Munisamy
5. Narayanapp

The marginally named persons of Kolar District who had been to Hindiganal shandy to sell betel leaves appeared before me and stated that their betel leaves were trampled upon by the people who were running in a state of confusion, that some of them lost their dupatis and that they were unable to say who took them away.

Sweetmeet shop keeper Munisamy was examined. He states that Jamadar came on horseback andstopped in front of his shop at 1 p. m. on 16-9-1918 in the shandy, that there were some 50 men behind him, that he made a sign to them who rushed into his shop and looted his sweetmeet, as well as scales, plates etc., that some persons looted the shop of his brother Chickka Munisamy who did not lose his scales and plates, that he lost to the extent of Rs. 46/- and his brother to the extent of Rs. 20/- or 25/-, and that he did not complain the matter to police either at Hindiganal or at Devanhally and that he was unable to identify any [illegible]

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body who looted his shop.

The Police Inspector, Excise Range Inspector and also Jamadar Maranna and he said that none of them was on horse back in front of his shop that day.

The other sweetmeet shop keeper Chikka-munisamy who had kept his shop by the side of munisamy and who was ascertained to be his own brother stated that at 3 or 3-30 p. m. some disturbance was created in the shandy on 16-9-191 that 30 or 40 persons rushed into his shop and looted everything and some persons looted his brother's shop also, that his father also had come and kept a shop that his father lost nothing, that he did not see the police men in the crowd, that the Police Inspector was moving about in the shandy on horse back, that the Police Inspector did not come in front of his shop where there was a disturbance, that he never complained about this to the Inspector or Jamadar, that he wanted to consult some people in his village before complaining, that the loss was to the extent of Rs. 40/- or 45/- that he did not complain to the Vodigenhally Police, that some people of Vodigenhally brought a petition and asked his father, brothe and himself to sign it, that they all signed it without knowing the contents, and that Chickveeranna and others took the petition to Bangalore.

Chennappa and Chick Appiah of Kumbiganhal

Kumbiganhally, Sidalghatta Taluk stated that they had brought gram to Hindiganhal shandy on the 16th September 1918 that a scare was created in the shandy at 3 or 3-30 p. m. that no shops were looted, and that the police were pacifying the people.

Bemamarnahally Chennappa of Kolar Taluq was also examined. He stated that he brought 5½ bags of gram from Chintamani shandy, that the cart man left the bags in the Hindiganhal shandy, that he sent for a cart from him village to take the bags home, that loot was started at 2 p. m., that 5 or 6 Mohammedans came to the place where his bags of gram were lying that each carried a bag and kept ~~them~~ it near a well, in a garden, that they then carried them towards Banahally in a bullock cart, that one of the Mohammedans who carried the bag was limping as the bag containing gram fell down upon his leg, that he could identify him, that he complained about the loss to the Police Jamadar who was in the shandy, and brought him to the place where the gram bags were lying that he took down his name and sent him away, that he then went home that he did not complain either to the police or to Amildar, that he kept quiet as some people in the shandy said that the loot had taken place under the orders of Government authorities, that he saw this day the Jamadar Maranna and that he was not the Police Jamadar to whom he reported about the loss of bags of gram etc., clothe merchant Narasappa of Badavanhally stated that he lost 12 saddies from his shop that day.

This is not the first occasion on which Europeans have been given to the existence of such a feeling. It is absolutely mischievous that behaves ought to officers concerned to discourage the general public of this idea.

day.

Venkatappa of Chennasandra stated that he lost 3 sadies valued at Rs. 18/-, Nanjappa of Venkatapur, Sidalghatta Taluk said that he lost 2 sadies valued ar Rs. 15/-. Narasappa of Venkatapur stated that he lost 4 sadies valued at Rs. 24/-, Venkataramanappa of Badavahally stated that he lost 2 sadies of Rs. 15/- and Munichowdiga of Venkatapur said that he lost 2 sadies valued at Rs. 15-4-0.

All of them stated that they did not complain to the Police Inspector or Jamadar who were present at the shandy on 16-9-1918 and that subsequently they did not report the matter to the Amildar or the Superintendent of Police.

It is clear from the statements of the Marginally noted persons that there was only a scare created in the Hindiganal shandy on 16-9-1918, that the people in the shandy in confusion packed their things and went away that the Police Inspector, Jamadar and constables present put down the disturbance and that there was no loss of property in the shandy, except perhaps some things which were trampled upon in the confusion.

1. Lingaje Rao
2 Patel Kuncheppada
3 Ramanty
4. Lakshmiah Setty
5. Sanjeevanty
6. Osmanty
7 Muniswamy
8 Syed Abdul Khadarmulka
9 Patel Muddappa
10. Mohadin Saba
11 Thippajibba
12. Abdulkhadar
13 Chikka Subbaiah
14. Chennabba

1. Sidalingabba
2 Nanjundabba
3 Narasabba
4 Venkaiah
5 Ramajabba

The marginally named merchants headed by Majee patel Anniah Gowda of Nandigudi state that there was loot in the shandy that many persons lost sadies from their shops and that they were all present in the shandy. But

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But they state that they had not taken their shops to the shandy as they had learnt that very morning that there would be loot in the shandy. These persons had gone to the shandy as casual visitors, probably to see what takes place in the shandy. Besides some petty shop keepers of Nandigudi had taken their shops to the shandi, and still they did not lose anything, as they took the precaution of packing up their shops as soon as there was scare for the first time. How far can they be believed in their statements that there was a loot is a point for consideration.

With regard to the looting of the sweet-meet shops of Muniappa and Chick-Munisamy I beg to state that their statements are apparently exaggerated.

Muniappa stated that his and Chick-Munisamy's shops which were side by side were looted, upon the signs made by the Jamadar who was in front of his shop on horse back, where as Chickmunisamy who was ascertained to be Munisamappa's own brother stated that no Police officer came tohis shop on horse back and made signs to loot the shop and that he saw the Police Inspector on hors back moving about in the shandy pacifying the people at the time of disturbance.

Muniappa was asked toidentify the police Jamadar who came to his shop and seeing the Inspector and Police Jamadar Maranna he said that none of them was the police Jamadar who

who was on horse back that day in front of his shop, where as Chick Munisamy identified the Inspector and said that he was on horse back i in the shandy.

Both of them admit that the police were present in the shandy and inspite of it they did not complain about the loot of their shops to them. In fact they did not think of complaining about their loss either at Vodigenhally where there is a police ~~out post~~ station or at Devanhally. They have chosen to come forward with complaints, a fortnight afterwards, when I sent for them and questioned them. Chickmunisamy sates that he wanted to consult the people in his village before he took any further action in the matter, that some persons brought a petition to him, that he, his brother and father signed it without knowing the contents and that some of the leading men of Vadigenhally took the petition to Bangalore It is clear therefore that they have now come forward with this exaggerated story under the influence of the Vadigenhally people who have given the petition to the DEWAN SAHEB. If the had really lost so much as they have now state before me, I am sure they would never have kept quiet for such a long time

Nothing prevented Muniappa and Chikkamuni samy from reporting to the Police Inspector or the Jamadar who were present at the shandy about loot.

Even in the petition under enquiry there

there is no allegation that their shops were looted in the shandy. Under these circumstances I am not inclined to believe their story which is highly exaggerated.

The statement of Benamarnahally Chennappa that his 5½ bags of gram were removed by 5 or 6 Mohammedans, that he took the Jamadar to the place where the bags were lyin, that Jamadar did not take proper action, and that he did not complain about the loss of bags to the Inspector, Amildar or Superintendent, is highly improbable, where as the other two merchants who had brought two carts of gram for sale clearly state that there was no looting in the shandy and that no body lost anything. This man Chenna came to me with one Oosman Sab son of Hyder Sab of Hindiganal I strongly suspec this Oosman Sab of instigating this Chenna to say that he could identify one of the Mohammedans, who is from Banahalli. He says that he took the Jamadar to the place where the bags were lying. He was shown the Jamadar who was present in the shandy on 16-9-1918 but he does not identify him and there was no other Jamadar present in the shandy that day.

Nothing prevented the other cloth merchants of Hosur, Badavanhally who say that they lost some sadies, from reporting the loss to the Police at the shandy or to the Police at Vadigenhally which is at a distance of 3 miles from their village.

At about 3 p. m. on 30-9-1918 while the

the shandy at Hindiganal was going on without any disturbance, I went into the shandy just to enquire about the disturbance that occurre on 16-9-1918. As soon as I entered into it some body started a scare at the place where onions etc., were being sold, and the people began to run in a confusion. On enquiry I learnt that the village people being under the impression that the Government are the cause for looting began to run about. I advised all the shop keepers to continue their business as usual and that I would make proper arrangements to guard the shandy. There appear some mischief who are responsible for spreading a false rumour that the authorities are getting up the loot with some ulterior motives.

Any how my enquiries on the 29th and the 30th September 1918 at Hosakote, Nandigudi and Hindiganal make me think that the Vadigen hally people have highly exaggerated the matter, that there was not a regular loot in the shandy on 16-9-1918, that there was scare which was put down by the Inspector, the Jamadar and the constables who were in the shandy, and that this highly exaggerated account is given by the Vadigenhally people with the idea that more efficient arrangement would be made in the shandy in future. To create confidence in the minds of the merchants and the people visiting the shandy special police arrangements have been made to protect the shandy. On 30-9-1918 there were besides the Inspector and the Jamadar, the

Drill Instructor and 11 constables on duty in the shandy. I have instructed the Inspector to continue these arrangements for some time to come and also to take the help of patels, Toties and Talavars from the surrounding villages.

Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. 8662

Do.

Date of issue 12.11.18 To

The Dy Com^r

Bangalore Dt

Signed by H.V. Reddy

Dear Sir,

With refee to your D-O letter of the 10th Oct 1918 submitting a copy of the report of the Supdt of Police Bangalore, regarding the looting at the Shanoys at Hudigunal I am desired to observe that no steps

over.